

AN OPEN LETTER.

DELAND, FLA., February 10, 1903.

To Those Who Love DeLand—

I have come amongst you at a stage in the development of our little city when the period of progress seems apt to be checked. Looking backward a few short years it seems almost incredible that DeLand was created out of a primeval pine forest.

And a few years hence a new comer will take it for granted that DeLand was located in a dense oak hammock stretching from Blue Lake to Beresford. For that and many other good things we have to thank the father of the town, H. A. DeLand. Sphinx-like from the ashes of a fire DeLand arose and grew again—from the dreaded frost that withered men and groves alike DeLand has come forth once more a lusty infant only just throwing off its swaddling clothes and getting ready to ride in its own electric cars.

JOHN B. STETSON

came to us when we needed him most of all, and with a mind that was quick and decisive he saw what was good for the town and he gave it that—he gave freely of his money in his own way—not perhaps just as others would have done it, but like a father he did what he thought was best for the child.

He has his faults, perhaps, but none of us are perfect. It is so easy to criticise, so hard to achieve. As he was not the father of our town he can aptly be called the step-father, and like most step-children DeLand has been slow to credit him with the generous feeling that existed—that still exists—in his heart toward us. Some children grow so fast that they never stop to think; it is so with DeLand.

We never realize that we need our parents until the last parting comes, or until reverses create the opportunity for close companionship.

THE TIME HAS COME FOR DELAND

to say good-bye to one who has been more than a friend—John B. Stetson is about to say good-bye to scenes where the past years have been made glad to him.

Wherever he goes he leaves his heart behind him—there are people in this world to whom money is everything, but the strongest tie between man and man is sentiment; between father and child is love.

John B. Stetson has seemed cold to some—a plain, practical man is rarely appreciated in this world except by the few who know him intimately. An aggressive man has many enemies—a smooth, fluent talker has many superficial friends.

CAN DELAND AFFORD TO LOSE

one who has been the truest friend through severest trials? A man who has done much and can do more for us—one who has made investments, not for the sake of returns, financial, but with the sole desire to see many blades of grass grow where but one grew before. I, for one, say: John B. Stetson, stay—we need you—we appreciate what you have done for us—we don't want you to go.

CORNELIUS CHRISTIANCY.

SMYRNA LAND SALE.

Most of the Property Bought in by Home People.

The public sale of the Andrews property was held Tuesday and Wednesday and the entire property was sold. Most of the property was purchased by residents of the town, some of it evidently for speculation. Nearly all the lots are worth a great deal more than was paid for them, but it is hoped that the new owners will put them on the market again, and at reasonable prices, which we have no doubt they will do. In fact, many of the purchasers have said that they would sell their lots at a small advance to persons who would build on them.

There is no prettier section in Florida, either for a home or a business location, and with a little hustling and judicious advertising, there will be many new buildings erected on them in the next few years. But if they are held at prices that will scare away purchasers, the owners will probably never reap any benefit from their investment.

Some of the purchasers will probably build cottages on their lots at an early date. This would necessitate the opening of new streets through the Andrews tract, and these improvements will help sell the other lots. Again we say, with a little push, and hustle, there is no reason why a large number of pretty and substantial buildings should not be erected on this beautiful tract of land within the next few years.

Ormond Wins Again.

The DeLand baseball team went over to Ormond Saturday morning, and after the 40-mile ride played a game of ball with the Ormond hotel team. The latter won by a score of 13 to 4. The members of the DeLand team returned home Sunday afternoon. They were treated royally by Anderson & Price of the Ormond hotel while in Ormond.

Bond & Bond Company, Incorporated.

The annual stockholders' meeting of this company was held in DeLand on Tuesday. Officers were elected as follows:

President—Frank E. Bond.
Vice-President—J. B. Conrad.
Secretary and Treasurer—E. Ray Conrad.

The company is doing an immense business at its mills and various yards on the East Coast.

Everything New This Season.

The climax of all tented amusements, A. G. Allen's Big Original New Orleans Colored Minstrels, will appear in DeLand under tent on Monday next.

Military Land Warrants.

\$5.00 paid persons telling who has one, whether I buy or not. R. K. Kelley, Kansas City, Mo. 3-6

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price, 25 cents.

Annual Meeting

Aquatic Club

An enthusiastic meeting of the stockholders of the DeLand Aquatic Club was held in the office of the Volusia County Abstract company Monday night. This was the annual meeting; 124 shares of stock were represented out of a total of 200 shares sold.

On motion the president appointed Messrs. R. D. McDonald, S. A. Wood and F. E. Bond as a committee to select a board of directors for the ensuing year and report. The committee reported the following board, and the report was adopted:

J. B. Stetson, E. W. Heath,
A. D. McBride, C. A. Miller,
H. B. Stevens, V. W. Gould,
S. A. Wood, S. B. Wilson,
W. C. Cannons, M. Davis,
Frank E. Bond, George E. Davis,
R. D. McDonald.

The treasurer reported about \$1,200 as the cash receipts for the year, and a balance of \$10.44 cash on hand. M. Davis and Dr. MacDiarmid were appointed a committee to audit the books, which was done at once and a report made showing them correct up to date.

The stockholders' meeting then adjourned and a meeting of the Board of Directors was then held, the principal business being the election of officers, which resulted:

President—H. B. Stevens.
Vice-Pres.—R. D. McDonald.
Secretary—Ward Gould.
Treasurer—S. B. Wilson.

Mr. Stevens stated that Mr. Stetson had purchased a boat, but had not yet decided whether he would place it on the lakes of the club, or on the river, and suggested that he be given the right to erect a boathouse on the lake in case he decided to place the boat there. On motion of Mr. Bond, such permission was granted. Mr. Stetson being authorized to select the place desired and to erect such building as he wished.

The Committee on Entertainment reported that they had intended to give a first-class entertainment at the grounds during the season, but had not yet found an "open date;" that as soon as such a date could be arranged the entertainment would be given.

The three "Mc's"—McDonald, McBride and MacDiarmid—were appointed as a Soliciting Committee, and directed to continue their efforts until sufficient funds were obtained to open the canal into Winnemissett.

BOAT RENTS REDUCED.

The rental of rowboats was reduced from 25 cents per hour to 25 cents for the first hour and 10 cents per hour for each succeeding hour. This completed the business and the meeting adjourned.

THE NEWS was as usual the only newspaper represented at the meeting.

Corrected List of Donations.

In the list of donations to the University, printed last week, several considerable sums were inadvertently missed. The corrected list follows:

C. T. Sampson.....	\$ 90,000
A Friend.....	70,000
H. A. DeLand.....	25,000
City of DeLand.....	15,000
Am. Bapt. Education Society.....	10,000
Fla. Bapt. State Convention.....	10,000
C. T. Search.....	5,000
Wm. F. Fray.....	5,000
Bryon E. Huntley.....	5,000
Ziba King.....	5,000
A. D. McBride.....	3,500
Mrs. Julia Heath.....	3,500
Mrs. Nettie Walker.....	3,000
Miss Burlingame.....	2,500
The Hires estate.....	2,000
Conrad Hall cash subscribers.....	1,000
J. B. Conrad.....	1,500
The Bar of Florida.....	1,000
Wm. Hampson.....	1,000
Frank Read.....	1,000
Mr. Bowen.....	1,000
J. S. Turner.....	1,000
Mrs. H. H. Hewitt.....	500
H. B. Trask.....	500
H. Cummings.....	500
And many others, smaller sums.	
Grand total.....	\$263,000

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Allen's Minstrels, on Monday next, will wind up this "week of galty."

MISS BELLE C. WILNER

Will demonstrate and talk interestingly about Ralston during the Week beginning February 16th at the White.

A
Ralston
Purina
Savings
Bank
Will be
Given Free
With
Every Purchase
Of
Two Packages
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Established House in the City.

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For Dinner

Ralston Hominy Grits

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One Left Over

Ralston Health Oats

And Two More

Ralston Purina Pan-Kake Flour

Ralston Purina Health Flour

WHITE FRONT GROCERY

Kicks and Squibs From Rounder

ROUNDER notices that a new chicken coop has been built in the rear of the Baptist Parsonage. What does this mean? Has it come to pass that a popular preacher like Mr. Oates has to raise his own chickens and eggs? Or do his flock bring in so many chickens that he cannot use them all at once, and has to build a coop in which to keep them for a "rainy day"? Chicken feed is rather scarce at his house, as he has only three Oates on which to feed them.

How true the following is: "Life's like poka. Chance gives the cards. We only play what's dealt us." But considerable depends on the "cut."

Honesty is said to be like the gout: It runs in certain families for several generations—and then it skips a generation. But one's enemies are seldom blessed with it.

It is said that the death rate in Chicago has increased 30 per cent among children and aged people as a result of the coal famine. Are the coal barons less guilty of murder than the man who deliberately shoots to kill?

If DeLand gets that free delivery system, "drop letters" will require 2 cents postage each. There's a thorn for each rose: don't forget that.

LAKE HELEN.

Lake Helen, February 10.—The Bonds are progressing rapidly on their plant. Their machinery building, 40 by 70, with out-lying roots, hot water tanks for soaking the logs and drying frames, are all well advanced. The foundation for their warehouse, 32 by 60, two stories, is laid, and in a few days they will begin to cut veneering. They will manufacture and put up material for all kinds of vegetable and pineapple crates, and expect to employ forty to fifty hands when they get to running full capacity. They will put in later an automatic dryer, so that there will be a continuous process from the logs to the finished product.

At the annual meeting of the Lake Helen Manufacturing Company held recently, the following were chosen directors for the coming year: S. E. Hopkins, Naugatuck, Conn.; F. B. Holden, Boston, Mass.; E. Nelson Blake, Arlington, Mass.; Howard B. Tuttle, Naugatuck, Conn.; A. H. Dayton, Naugatuck, Conn. The directors appoint the officers. The factory commenced to grind cassava yesterday, and will run on that while it lasts. The company now employs about seventy-five men.

There have been more transfers of real estate here in the last two months than for five years before.

Mother Gray's sweet Powders for Children, Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, Cure Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. They never fail. At all druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address: Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

DeLand Real Estate Office.

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City Lots, Residences and Unimproved Property.

Property of Non-Residents Cared For and Taxes Paid.

Land sold for Taxes redeemed.

J. R. Wetherell

Abstract Office, between Post Office and Bank.

Razors and
Pocket Knives
Enamelware
Tinware
Cook Stoves and
Heaters

Finest
Selection
Ever Displayed
in Volusia County
at
MCDONALD'S
HARDWARE
STORE.

PLAYING WITH FIRE

Endangers both the home and person. One may meet with a serious accident while escaping from, or attempting to save something in a burning house.

Why not be safe from pecuniary loss in either case? Carry

FIRE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE

and the loss will fall upon those best able to pay it. The Companies we represent settle all claims promptly and are very liberal in their treatment of policy holders.

SILAS B. WRIGHT, DeLand, Fla.



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to the appearance of your horse if you will let us CLIP HIM.

Costs you only \$2.00.

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NEW SHOP.

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HIDES! HIDES!

Dry Flint Hides..... 124 cts. lb.
Green Salt Hides..... 64 cts. "
Beeswax..... 264 cts. "
Tallow in Barrels..... 5 cts. "
Tallow in Cakes..... 6 cts. "

Price List subject to change when Market changes.

All other Furs, Hides, Old Metals, Rubbers, etc., in full proportion.

Furs! Furs!

No. 1, Otter Skins, Large and Dark, \$8.00 to \$11.00
No. 2, " " " " 6.00 to 8.00
No. 1, Coon Skins, " " 85 to 1.00
No. 2, " " " " 45 to 60
No. 1, Mink Skins, " " 1.00 to 1.50

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